

## **Chapter 4: Natural Disasters**

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### **A. Introduction**

Due to the unexpectedness of most natural disasters (see inside front pocket for Emergency Management "Glancers"), it is important for all staff to review and be familiar with procedures for response and recovery before a disaster occurs.

Although it is understood that other natural disasters may possibly occur, this document only includes information about three: hurricanes, floods and earthquakes. Additional information, as well as information dealing with other natural disasters, can be obtained at:

Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency  
645 New London Avenue  
Cranston, RI 02920  
(401) 946-9996

and through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offices:

National Office  
State and Local Programs and Support Directorate  
Office of Disaster Assistance Programs  
Washington, DC 20472  
(202) 646-3615

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(617) 223-9540